

THE STING IN THE TALE!

PROG 470
17 MAY 86

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EARTH MONEY

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EVERY
MONDAY**

FEATURING **JUDGE DREDD**

BAD CITY: BLUE MURDER?

NERVE CENTRE

BORAG THUNGG, EARTHLETS.

There are some alien editors (no names mentioned) who would look at the *scroting* freebies given away by this comic in recent progs...the games, the books, the posters...and would sit back, decide that they'd shown more than enough generosity, and flick through the latest holiday brochures. Not this alien editor! I, Tharg the Really Generous, can now proudly offer you all a chance to get your grabbers on a full-colour Postcard of *Judge Dredd*. It's the first of a zarjaz series that is guaranteed to impress sentient beings — and I've no less than 40 of them to give away! And while we're talking numbers here, I'll hit you with a couple of big ones...like 6 thrill-powered stories, containing no less than 28 circuit-shattering pages of truly awesome artwork! Welcome to 2000 AD, Terrans — the comic that counts!

SPLENDIG VUR THRIGG!

THARG



THARGY OF ALAMEIN

Drawn by Earthlit Thomas Foley, Shankhill, Eire. £10 Winner.



JUDGE DEGVILLE

Drawn by Earthlit Kay Plummy, Bristol. £10 Winner.

BALD NEST SCOOP!

Dear Green One,

My hair gets longer with the passing of time, a characteristic I believe I share with most other people...and yet Nest's barnet (barnet fair/hair — Plymouth Rhyming Slang, Tharg) is visibly shrinking! When she first appeared in Prog 361 it was well past shoulder-length, but by Prog 411 over ¾ of it had mysteriously disappeared, and in 461 it was shorter still! At this rate I predict that she will be COMPLETELY BALD by Prog 550. What's going on? From bemused Hume Jay Rangdale, Plymouth. £5 Winner.

I can't say for certain, but I suspect this is due to the hair-raising nature of the life she leads.

LONG, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Borag Thungg, Tharg.

I would be interested to know what was the longest *Judge Dredd* saga, and which of your scroting progs it was in. Thank you.

From extremely well-mannered Earthlit Mark Reay, Newcastle. £5 Winner.

It is indeed interesting to note that while "The Cursed Earth" and "The Apocalypse War" each lasted for 25 episodes, the longest Dredd saga — running from Prog 156 to Prog 181 — was "The Judge Child" with 26 episodes. Don't mention it.

TIME BANDIT!

Dear Tharg,

I have just returned from a trip back in time to 1981, where lettering robot T.Frame was finishing work on a full-colour *Judge Dredd* story for the 1982 2000 AD Annual. Armed only with my trusty pen and a battered bottle of correction fluid, I altered the name *Marvin Threebad*, on page 59, to *MELVIN Threebad*. This is going to make you look awful silly, Tharg, but if you send me some money I might consider returning to change back this error, and so save your reputation.

From Earthlit Garath Gee, Manchester. Not-a-single-Groet Winner!

A Betelgeusian bow to blackmail? Never! I have informed the Terran Police of this time crime, and you shall be severely punished...though if you surrender yourself now, they promise to take 847 other offences, dating back to Prog 1, into consideration.

2/5 : COULD DO BETTER?

Dear Tharg,

In the 1992 2000 AD Annual, in the section "Could you replace The Mighty Tharg?", one of the answers to the question of what to do when readers demand the return of a deceased character is "invent a flimsy excuse for the character not really having been killed, then carry on with his stories". This answer gets only 2 marks out of a possible 5. So what about *Ace Garp*? Get out of that one, Green Boncel!

From Earthlit Nick Payne, Sheffield. £5 Winner.

With ease, ferret-features...another answer in that section is "Create a completely new character", which scores 5 marks out of 5. Since I created Ace's double as well as inventing an excuse, I hereby claim 7 out of a possible 8!

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YOU KNOW WHAT THIS STUFF IS, CITIZEN?

IT-IT'S SOMETHING TO DO WITH VICTOR'S CLUB. HE'S A **FREEPLUMBER**, I THINK.

FREEPLUMBER BALONEY! THIS IS A **GRAND WARLOCK'S** ROBE. YOUR HUSBAND'S A **WITCH**.

A WITCH? WITH A BROOMSTICK? OH, I DON'T THINK SO...NOT VICTOR!

I'M NOT JOKING! YOUR HUSBAND'S TAMPERING WITH **BLACK MAGIC** AND HE MAY HAVE UNLEASHED SOMETHING **NO ONE** CAN CONTROL!

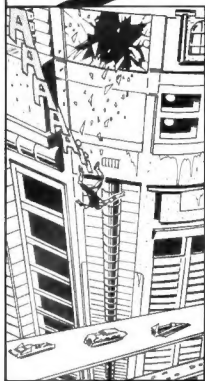


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MAKES HERO'S COME TO LIFE!

BAD CITY BLUE

Script: Craig Lipp

Art: Robin Smith

Lettering: Steve Potter



BASE TOLD ME TO WAIT
OUT ON THE BLOCK-
HOUSE BALCONY. THE
JELLYFISH WERE ON
THEIR WAY TO PICK
ME UP—



THE PAIN IN
MY HEAD WAS
WORSE NOW.
I COULDN'T
THINK
STRAIGHT.



THERE WAS SOME-
THING I SHOULD DO
—HAD TO DO, BUT
WHAT? WHAT?

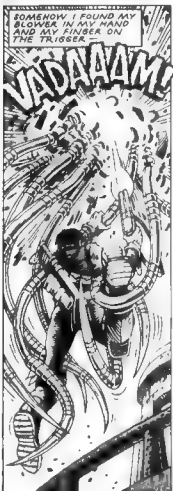


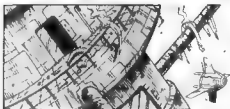
BASE WOULD KNOW.
YEAH—BASE COULD
ALWAYS SORT
THINGS OUT.



JUST LIE BACK
AND LET THE
J-FISH TAKE
ME. WRAP ITS
COLD COILS
ROUND ME,
AND EVERY-
THING WOULD
BE OKAY...







I FELT THE DRUG COURSE THROUGH MY ARM, BUT I KNEW ONE STING WASN'T ENOUGH TO PUT ME OUT. I HAD TO GET AWAY FROM THERE - I NEEDED TIME TO THINK



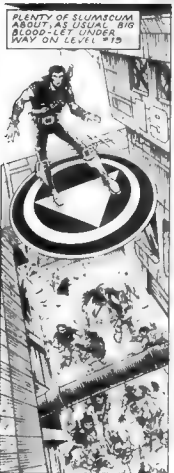
I'D NEVER BUCKED BASE BEFORE - LEAST, NOT THAT I COULD REMEMBER. I KNEW THERE'D BE TROUBLE, BUT SOMEHOW I DIDN'T CARE



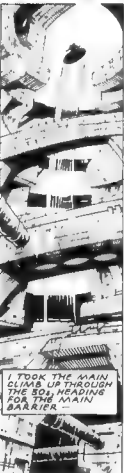
I SKIMMED UP THROUGH THE LEVELS, KEEPING A CLOSE EYE OUT FOR MORE J-RISH. MY HEADACHE WAS SUBSIDING - I GUESS THE SEDATIVE HAD NUMBED THE PAIN



PLENTY OF SLUMSCUM ABOUT, AS USUAL. BIG BLOOD-LET UNDER WAY ON LEVEL #15



I LET THEM HAVE IT WITH BOTH BARRELS AS I WENT BY. PAYS TO KEEP THE SCUM ON THEIR TOES



I TOOK THE MAIN CLIMB UP THROUGH THE 50s, HEADING FOR THE MAIN BARRIER -

WHEN I GOT THERE, I KNEW
THAT VOICE IN MY HEAD
HAD BEEN RIGHT —

WHY HADN'T IT BEEN
REPAIRED? HAD THE ROT
SPREAD EVEN THIS FAR?

AS I SKIMMED DOWN THE MALL I KNEW
GONZA HAD BEEN TELLING ME THE
TRUTH. THE CLASS AS SHOULD HAVE
BEEN 'SWANKIN' THE STREETS

HOLE
BLOWN CLEAN
THROUGH

BUT THERE WASN'T A
SOUL IN SIGHT.

EMPTY

ABANDONED

AND THAT'S HOW
I FELT. IF THE
CLASS AS WERE
ALL GONE, WHO
WAS I WORKING
FOR? WHAT THE
HELL WAS I
DOING HERE?

NEXT
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BLUE MOVES?

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THE BLUE PLANET GET READY TO FIRE

WE GOT A PHOTOGRAPH NOW WE MUST GO OUT OF RANGE

THEY LAND TIME TRAVEL BACK TO 1986

BE CAREFUL WITH THE PHOTO PLATE!!

AAAH

WON COLONEL BAYMOND OF A.D. INTELLIGENCE

TIME TRAVEL BIGGLES IS YOUR TIME TWIN!

IF THE GERMANS HAVE A SECRET WEAPON THEY COULD WIN THE FIRST WORLD WAR!

NEXT WEEK

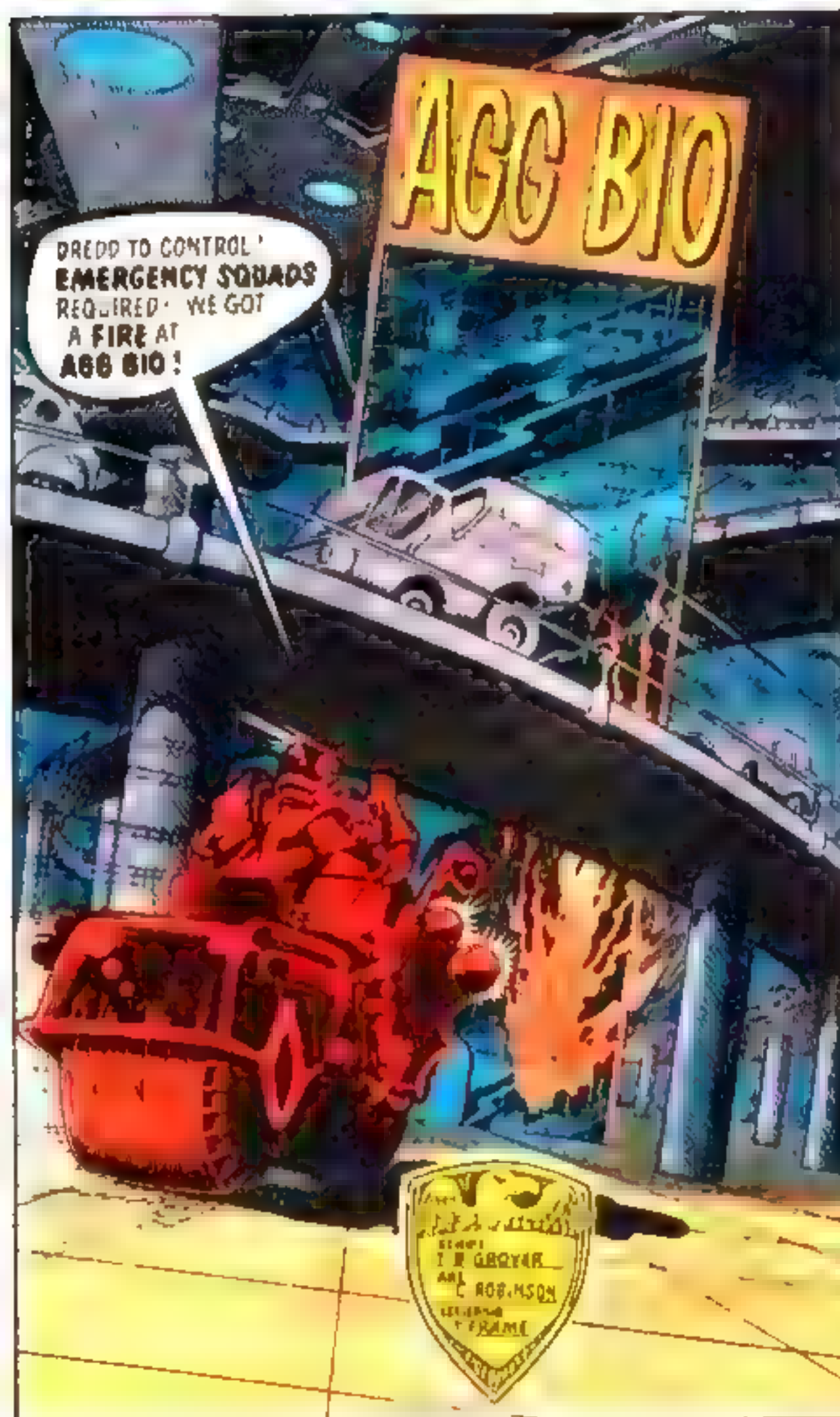
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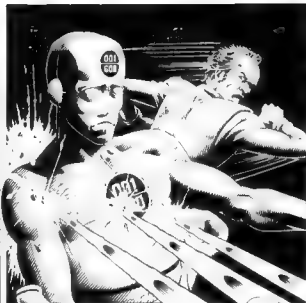
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JUDGE DREDD





NAME THOMAS ZEPD AGE 53

OCCUPATION FORMER
ZOMBIE KEEPER AT AGG BIO

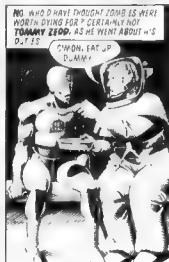
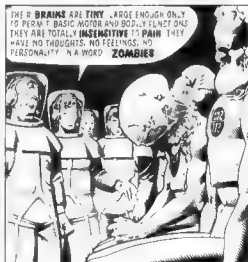
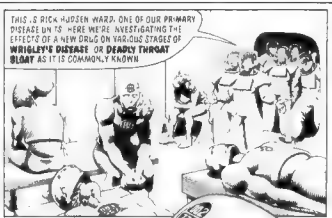
PRESENT POSITION BEING LED TO
DEATH ON THE ZOMBIE DORM FLOOR

FUNNY WHO'D HAVE
THOUGHT THREE
SHORT MONTHS AGO
THAT ZOMBIES
WERE WORTH
DYING FOR

HE'D BEEN A... BRIGHT EYED
AND EAGER 53 YEAR OLD
AND HIS FIRST CHANCE AT
A JOB TOMMY ZEPD
WASN'T GOING TO LOUSE IT UP

THIS IS THE **MAIN DORM** A LARGE
PART OF YOUR TIME WILL BE SPENT
HERE, LOOKING AFTER YOUR CHARGES
THEY'RE QUITE INCAPABLE OF DOING
ANYTHING FOR THEMSELVES





HE HAD DETERMINED TO MAKE
A GOOD T. HELP HIS NOSE
C. T. H.

THANK OF THEM
LIKE S. ABC OF MEAT. THAT
WAS THE SECRET



IT WAS WHILE HE WAS NURSING IN THE RAD-WARD
NUMBER 075 - HE REMEMBERED IT CLEARLY



IN ITS DEATH THROES IT HAD
TURNED ITS SIGHTLESS FACE TO
HIM AND ITS HAND HAD
STRETCHED OUT GRIPPED HIS
WRIST



-AND SQUEEZED



THAT ONE'S DEAD

DID YOU
SEE THAT -
IT SQUEEZED
MY HAND!

LIKE IT WAS TRYING TO
TELL ME SOMETHING

DON'T BE ABSURD
MUSCLE SPASM



BUT FROM THAT DAY, TRY AS HE MIGHT, TOMMY ZEDD COULD
NO LONGER SEE HIS CHARGES AS MERE MEAT THEY HAD
BECOME HUMAN

EAT UP, STEVE
GOT TO KEEP YOU
HEALTHY





HEALTHY FOR WHAT? DO AGG CAN PUMP THEM FULL OF DISEASE! WATCH AND TAKE NOTES AS THEY ROT AWAY!

IT'S NOT RIGHT!
IT'S NOT!



AND, HE'S ABLY HAS WORK STOPPED

AGG THOUGHT WE WERE DOING THE GUY A FAVOUR. I AM HUMAN TO DO ROBOTS' WORK. EVIDENTLY WE WERE WRONG



YOU'VE ALLOWED YOURSELF TO BECOME EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED IN YOUR ZOMBIES. UNDERSTAND YOU'RE EVEN GIVING THEM NAMES NOW

WELL, WE CAN'T HAVE THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE. NO USE TO US. YOU'RE FIRED



WE SHOULD HAVE GIVEN AGG TO GET OUT OF THAT TORTURE FACTORY BUT HIS CONSCIENCE WOULD GET HIM FORGET



WHAT TERRIBLE THINGS WERE THEY DOING TODAY TO DALE AND STEVE? WHAT DISEASE WERE THEY INFECTING INTO MARY - OR G. - OR BARRIE?



H. HAD TO RELEASE THEM FROM THIS OBSCURITY FAR BETTER THEY DIE DEFENTELY - GO ON



GOODBYE YOU GUYS
STAY BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY

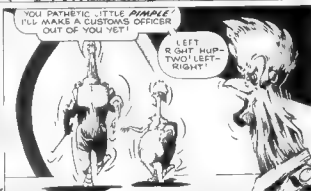
TRouble WAS, TOMMY ZEDD - ADMIT FIGURED ON DYING HIMSELF

GOT TO GET HIM OUT OF HERE

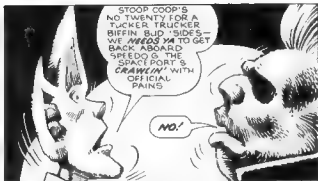












Strontium DOG

NEW BRITAIN, EARTH
AN EXCLUSIVE NORM
ENCLAVE IN RYE
GARDEN CITY —

RAGE

Y'KNOW THE
TROUBLE WITH
THIS COUNTRY
TODAY? TOO
MUCH RIFF-
RAFF!

F. HAD MY
WAY I'D LINE
THEM ALL UP
AGAINST THE
NEAREST WALL
AND SHOOT
THEM!

THAT'S ALWAYS
BEEN YOUR TROUBLE,
BRIGADIER — TOO
LIBERAL BY HALF!

MEAN, WHY
RUIN A GOOD
WALL? HAW
HAW HAW!

OH NIGEL!
YOU ARE A
CARD!

MORE
CAVARE,
MADAM?

Y'KNOW, I
WAS SAYING
TO KING
CLARKIE THE
OTHER
DAY —

KING CLARKIE?
WHY, THE MAN'S
A DAMNED
SOCIALIST! IT'S
JUST AS WELL
PEOPLE LIKE US
RUIN THE COUNTRY,
AND NOT THE
KING

ROBOTS
Credit Card:
BEARPE ROBOT
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ART ROBOT
C. ZOUARRA
LETTERING ROBOT
KID ROBSON
COMPU 73:

CR
AA
ASH!
H!



YOU'RE WASTING MY TIME, NORM. YOUR SON MAX BROKE OUT OF CANTERSBURY KEEP THREE MONTHS AGO. HE HAD TO HIDE OUT SOMEWHERE BEFORE HE GOT OFF-PLANET... WAS IT HERE?

AAAAAH!

THAT WAS A STUN SHOT. NEXT PERSON WHO PULLS A BLASTER ON MY BACK WON'T GET OFF SO LIGHTLY!

ALL RIGHT—SO HE IS MY SON? BUT IF YOU THINK HE'LL COME HERE FOR HELP, YOU'RE WRONG! I KICKED HIM OUT THIRTY YEARS AGO!

AND YOU KNOW WHY? BECAUSE HE'S LIKE YOU—LIKE ALL YOU MUTANTS! NO GOOD—ROTTEN TO THE CORE—A CANCER ON DECENT SOCIETY!

JOHNNY ALPHA'S EYES SCAN THE MAN'S MIND, AND HE KNOWS THERE IS NO MORE TO LEARN HERE.

OH, MUMSIE! IS THIS TRUE? HAVE I GOT A BROTHER WHO'S MUTATED?

OH, THE SHAME!

ER... I THINK WE'LL BE LEAVING NOW, BUSSA!

MILTON KEYNES, THE BIGGEST MUTANT
GHETTO IN EUROPE —

MY BOY BRUTE?
NO—I HAVEN'T
SEEN HIM SINCE
HE TOOK UP WITH
THAT AWFUL
MAX DUBBA!

IF YOU FIND HIM, COULD YOU
GIVE HIM THIS FROM ME? IT'S
SOME SOCKS AND UNDERPANTS
—I BOUGHT THEM FOR HIS
CHRISTMAS, BUT
HE'D BROKEN OUT
BY THEN!

IF I FIND HIM, MRS
MOSLEY, HE AIN'T
GOING TO THINK
IT'S CHRISTMAS!

SCAB!
SCAB!

JOHNNY ALPHA'S IN
TOWN! HE'S BEEN
TO MAW MOSLEY'S!
HE'S HEADIN' THIS
WAY!

SNECK!
HE'S AFTER
IMPETIGO!

WHAT ARE
YOU GONNA
DO?

YOU DON'T
RAT ON
YOUR OWN
BROTHER!



YA CAN'T, SCAB!
ALPHA'S A HERO
ROUND HERE!



EVEN
HEROES
DIE!



KRAK!



THIRD TIME
LUCKY! JUST
THE SORT OF
WELCOME I
WANTED!

SCAB JONES KNOWS
SOMETHING — OR HE
WOULDN'T BE SO
KEEN TO ICE ME!

NEXT: **PICKING SCAB!**

